

CASE: 1253

DURING THE 14TH ITERATION. "19. 0815 HRS, 16 AUG 68; NHAN TRACH MILITIA SHOT (IT DOWN); 1 F4; ; 1; CRASHED OUT IN THE SEA." THIS INFORMATION CORRELATES TO REFNO 1253, FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM E. POWELL AND FIRST LIEUTENANT ARTHUR T. HOFFSON. THIS CORRELATION IS BASED ON LOCATION, DATE, TIME OF DAY AND AIRCRAFT TYPE. FURTHERMORE, THE INFORMATION RECORDED IN THE ENTRY INDICATES ONE OF THE PILOTS INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT WAS CAPTURED, WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS CONCERNING THIS INCIDENT. (REF 4)

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS TAKEN FROM BO TRACH DIST. DOCUMENTS DURING THE 14TH ITERATION. "20. 17 AUG 68; (ILLEG.) TRANG; HOFFSON. ARTUR. T DATA ; 1/LT." THIS INFORMATION CORRELATES TO REFNO 1253, FIRST LIEUTENANT ARTHUR T. HOFFSON, A RESOLVED INCIDENT. AN ENTRY FROM PAGE THREE OF THIS DOCUMENT (PARA 4R) ALSO PROVIDES INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CAPTURE OF LIEUTENANT HOFFSON. (REF 4)

15 October 1993

ON 1 SEP 93, THE VIETNAMESE TURNED OVER A DOCUMENT TITLED "LIST OF DECEASED U.S. SOLDIERS THAT WERE BURIED (GRAVE SITE UNDETERMINED)." EACH CASE ON THE LIST WAS FOLLOWED BY THE COMMENT "BURIAL SITE CANNOT BE LOCATED; CONCLUDED THAT GRAVE SITE IS INDETERMINABLE." ENTRY NUMBER 26 ON THE VIETNAMESE DOCUMENT CORRELATED WITH REFNO 1253. MOST OF THE REFNOs LISTED ON THIS DOCUMENT APPEARED ON A U.S. LIST OF 84 CASES FOR WHICH U.S. ANALYSTS BELIEVE THE VIETNAMESE SHOULD HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. (REF 7)

1 November 1993

ON 17 DEC 92, THE SRV PROVIDED A DOCUMENT TITLED, "REGISTER OF U.S. GRAVES IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE." LINE ENTRY #38 CORRELATES TO REFNO 1253-1-01 BASED ON PILOT'S NAME, PARTIAL SERIAL NUMBER AND APPROXIMATE INCIDENT DATE. (REF 8)

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 16 AUGUST 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1254-0-01 (ACCNO 5446)
Name: HOFFMAN, TERRY ALAN

Status: (A) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Date Status assigned: 15 Jun 1976

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	MARINE CORPS	Sex	MALE	Blood type	# #
Grade	E4	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	RUDDY
SSAN		Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	70 in / 1.78 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date		Weight	175 lb / 79.3 kg	Duty pos	CREWMAN
Home State	INDIANA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QYD122772
Lat/Long: 165813N / 1065935E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: QUANG TRI
(formerly):
Mission District: BEN HAI
Mission Date: 19 Aug 1968
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Remote area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: May 92
Investigations: Jun 92, Jun 93
Surveys: Jun 92
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: CRASH SITE
Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: CH46D	Serial: 152566
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: T58GE
Call Sign: @	1 Serial: #
Year: \$	2 Serial: #

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

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DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITE INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. CPL HOFFMAN IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, REMAINS NONRECOVERABLE.

=== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ===

1 April 1993

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=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

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12 August 1993

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JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 4 MAY 1994

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1254-0-01 (ACCNO 5446) Status: (K) REMAINS RECOVERED
Name: HOFFMAN, TERRY ALAN Date Status assigned: 19 Apr 1994

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	MARINE CORPS	Sex	MALE	Blood type	# #
Grade	E4	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	RUDDY
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Serial No	2316108	Height	70 in / 1.78 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	3 Feb 1945	Weight	175 lb / 79.3 kg	Duty pos	CREWMAN
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Remains Repatriated: YES
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Surveys: Jun 92
Vessey Case: NO
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=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

20 August 1993

CASE NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 28 JUL 1993 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

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=== REPATRIATION ACTIONS OR STATUS CHANGES ===

28 April 1994

ON 12 JULY 1994, DURING THE 24TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY IN VIETNAM, TWO WITNESSES TURNED OVER REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS AND I.D. MEDIA ALLEGEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE REFNO 1254 LOSS INCIDENT. ON 3 AUGUST 1993, THE SRV REPATRIATED THE ALLEGED REMAINS IN BOX #7. ON 19 APRIL 1994, THE ARMED FORCES IDENTIFICATION REVIEW BOARD APPROVED THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE REMAINS AS CORPORAL TERRY A. HOFFMAN, REFNO 1254-0-01. (REF 5)

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 19 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1255-0-01 (ACCNO 5308) Status: (J) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: COLLINS, THEOTHIS Date Status assigned: 24 Jul 1973

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	NEGROID	Blood Chit	
Service	MARINE CORPS	Sex	MALE	Blood type	
Grade	E3	Hair	BLACK	Complexion	
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	
Serial No	2355852	Height	74 in / 1.88 mtrs	Weapon No	
Birth date	27 Sep 1949	Weight	180 lb / 81.5 kg	Duty pos	UNKNOWN
Home State		Religion		PW Camp	

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: GROUND SITE
UTM: 48QYD127774
Lat/Long: 165820N / 1065952E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: QUANG TRI
(formerly):
Mission District: BEN HAI
Mission Date: 19 Aug 1968
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jul 93, May 92
Investigations: Aug 93
Surveys: Aug 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: GROUND SITE

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: GRND	Serial: \$
Crash Type: None	Engine Type:
Call Sign: \$	1 Serial:
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